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1. Below is a list of fortifications constructed in the Astara frontier area during the months of November and December 1951 and January 1952:
  - A. A concrete fortification, about two meters high, with installations for heavy and light machine guns and mortars, has been constructed approximately 20 meters south of the health center of the Soviet garrison of Astara. Four personnel shelters also have been constructed at this location.
  - B. A concrete fortification, similar to that described in the above paragraph, and four personnel shelters have been constructed also at the following locations:
    - a. Masjed-Mahalleh, seven meters south of the stables of the Soviet garrison.
    - b. Haidar-Mahalleh, in front of the observation post.
    - c. Bagh-Siruz frontier post, in front of the watchtower.
    - d. Baharestan frontier post, in front of the watchtower.
  - C. A trench has been dug at Qermezi post, in front of the post and about 20 meters to the right of it.
2. The following is a list of Soviet frontier fortifications and trenches in the Astara frontier area, with appropriate descriptive material.

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No.	Area	Location	Type of Trench	No. of trenches constructed	Type of arms installed	Border Post	Iranian landmark opposite	Date of construction	Depth of fortification	Under jurisdiction of	Capacity of fortification
1.	Caspian Sea, extending 6 kilometers	A patrol ship	--	--	2 anti-aircraft machine guns and 1 cannon	Soviet Astara	Iranian Astara	--	--	Soviet Astara	The ship is manned by 35 soldiers and 3 officers
2.	Behind the Astara garrison compound	Opposite Soviet Health Center	Cement and lime	1	1 mortar and 2 heavy machine guns	Soviet Astara	Custom house of Iranian Astara	Sept. 9 1951	Approximately 3-4.5 meters	Soviet Astara	18 soldiers and 1 officer
3.	200 meters west of the river	South of Soviet Health Center	Concrete with 2 shelters	1	1 mortar and 1 heavy machine gun	Soviet Astara	Custom house of Iranian Astara	1948	3-4 meters	Soviet Astara	10 soldiers and 1 officer
4.	South of Soviet 2nd class border post at Astara	400 meters from the border bridge	Concrete with 2 shelters	1	1 machine gun, 1 small gun, and 1 mortar gun	Soviet Astara	Road leading to the border bridge and house of the Chief of the Customs Guard	1947	3-4.5 meters	Soviet Astara	15 soldiers and 1 officer
5.	Gum	400 meters in front of the watch tower of Haidar-Mahalleh post	Concrete. Used also as an observation post	1	3 light and heavy machine guns, 1 mortar, and 1 gun	Soviet Astara	Haidar-Mahalleh border post and district of Haidar-Mahalleh	Nov. 10 1951	2-3 meters	Soviet Astara	15 soldiers, 2 sergeants, and 1 officer
6.	Gum	200 meters north of the watch tower at Qanbar-Mahalleh post	Concrete. Used also as an observation post	2, one located to the right of the border post	2 heavy machine guns and 1 mortar	Soviet Astara	Qanbar-Mahalleh border post and the Ardebil-Astara road	Nov. 1951	2-3 meters	Soviet Astara	12 soldiers, 3 sergeants, and 1 officer

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7.	Raukaran-Rudkinar, between Gum & Khoshkeh Dahaneh	800 meters west of Qanbar-Mahalleh border post	Concrete	1	2 heavy machine guns	Soviet Astara	Midway between Khoshkeh Dahaneh and Qanbar-Mahalleh on road to Ardebil	Nov. 1951	Approx. 2-3 meters	Soviet Astara	15 soldiers, 2 sergeants, 1 officer
8.	Soviet Rudkinar	In front of Khoshkeh Dahaneh watch tower	Concrete	1	3 heavy machine guns and 1 gun	Soviet Astara	Khoshkeh Dahaneh border post and village on Ardebil road in 1951	Started in 1946 and completed in 1951	Approx. 3-4 meters	Soviet Astara	14 soldiers, 2 sergeants, 1 officer
9.	Masjed-Mahalleh	In front of the watch tower of Bagh-Siruz border post	Concrete. Used also for observation.	1	3 light machine guns	Soviet Astara	Hadi-Evlar	Dec. 1951	2 meters	Masjed-Mahalleh border post	4 soldiers
10.	Masjed-Mahalleh	In front of Masjed-Mahalleh	Concrete	2	4 heavy machine guns	Soviet Astara	Hadi-Evlar and Bagh-Siruz border post	1948-1949	2.5-4 meters	Masjed-Mahalleh border post	14 soldiers, 2 sergeants, 1 officer
11.	Masjed-Mahalleh	300 meters west of Masjed-Mahalleh	Concrete	2	4 heavy machine guns and 1 mortar	Soviet Astara	Bagh-Siruz border post and Bagcheh Sareh	1948-1949	2.5-4 meters	Masjed-Mahalleh border post	20 soldiers, 2 sergeants, 1 officer
12.	Masjed-Mahalleh	In front of Masjed-Mahalleh border post	Concrete	3	3 heavy machine guns, and mortars	Soviet Astara	Bagcheh Sareh border post road to Qaleh, Golba-Rayi mill	1941	2-4 meters	Masjed-Mahalleh border post	60 soldiers, 4 sergeants and officers
13.	Qapchi-Mahalleh	Between Masjed-Mahalleh border posts	Concrete	1	1 heavy machine gun	Soviet Astara	Qaleh	1942	2-3 meters	Masjed-Mahalleh border post	8 soldiers, 1 sergeant

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14.	Qapchi-Mahalleh	In front of border posts west, south	Concrete	3	1 heavy machine gun	Soviet Astara	Qaleh	1942	2-3 meters	Masjed-Mahalleh border post	8 soldiers and 1 sergeant
15.	Qapchi-Mahalleh, Separi-Bagh	At the center of Qapchi-Mahalleh border post	Concrete	1	2 heavy machine guns	Soviet Astara	Qaleh, Bibiyanlu, and road to Ardebil	1941-1944	2-3 meters	Masjed-Mahalleh border post	50 soldiers, 1 sergeant, 4 officers
16.	Alachai (38-27N, 48-47E)	On right side of Alachai village and left side of Alachai border post	Concrete	2	1 gun, 2 machine guns, and 1 mortar	Soviet Astara	Bibiyanlu, east direction of Kashbi road	1941	3-4 meters and comparatively long	Alachai	40 soldiers, 3 sergeants, 3 officers
17.	District of Bandsar, Qermezi Post	On right side of Alachai and left side of Qermezi Post	Concrete	2	1 gun, 2 machine guns, and 1 mortar	Soviet Astara	Kashbi, road to Jabr-Daghi	1941	2.5-3 meters	Qermezi	30 to 35 soldiers, 3 sergeants, 3 officers
18.	District of Bandsar, Korpi Post	On right side of Alachai and left side of Korpi Post	Concrete	2	2 machine guns and 1 mortar	Soviet Astara	Jabr-Daghi, road leading to Bharstan	1941	2-2.5 meters	Korpi Post	30 to 35 soldiers, 3 sergeants, 3 officers
19.	Bandsar District	Hashterud	1, incomplete	--	1 anti-aircraft machine gun	Soviet Astara	Road to Kashbi	1941	1-1.5 meters	Hashterud	5 soldiers, 2 sergeants
20.	Anuz Area	Between Korpi-Post and Zardali, on slope of the mountain	Concrete, incomplete	3, 50 meters apart	Light machine guns and rifles	Soviet Astara	Agh-Tay road leading toward Bharstan	1949	1-2 meters	Anuz	9 soldiers
21.	Zardali Area	--	Concrete	3	3 heavy machine guns and 1 mortar	Soviet Astara	Road of Hairan	1941, 1950, 1951	2-2.5 meters	Zardali	30 soldiers, 2 officers
22.	Baghchedar	Between Zardali and Resa-Baghi border posts on the slopes of the mountains	Concrete, incomplete	2	1 light and 1 heavy machine gun	Soviet Astara	Hairan village west of Dagirman Keshigi	1941, 1944, 1950	1-1.5 meters	Zardali	10 soldiers, 1 officer

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23.	Reza-Baghi	Around the border post on Shandan heights	Concrete	2	1 anti-aircraft heavy machine gun	Soviet Astara	Hairan border post, road to Armani-Chaman and convent of Haji Amir Olia, road to Ardebil	1941-1950	1-1.5 meters	Shandan	25 soldiers, 2 sergeants, 3 officers
24.	Lezhi	East of Lezhi border post	Concrete	1	2 small guns and 1 heavy machine gun	Astara Kalaputi	Minavar, Haji Amir Olia	1951	2-2.5 meters	Reza-Baghi	25 soldiers, 1 sergeant, 3 officers
25.	Kalaputi	Mobarak mountain	Concrete, incomplete	3, 100 meters apart	Light machine guns and rifles	Astara Kalaputi	Mirzanaq, road to Buzardjehril border post and Minavar	1940-1941	1-1.5 meters	Lezhi	10 soldiers, 1 sergeant
26.	Kalaputi	On heights of Kalaputi, serving also for observation	Concrete	3, 1 in southwest	Heavy machine gun and anti-aircraft gun	Astara Kalaputi	Mirzanaq, Namin, Ardebil garrison villages of northern Veklij	1948-1949	3-4 meters	Kalaputi	30 soldiers, 4 sergeants
27.	Kalaputi	On the right side of Kalaputi border post	Concrete	2, 1 toward Golshan road, and mortar 1 toward Buzardjehril border post	Heavy machine gun	Astara Kalaputi	Mirzanaq, Namin, Ardebil garrison villages of northern Veklij	1941, 1945, 1949	2-3 meters	Kalaputi	30 soldiers, 2 sergeants
28.	Kizilissa	West of Kizilissa border post	Concrete	2	Heavy and light machine guns	Astara Kalaputi	Golshan-Ambaran (without observation post)	1941, 1945, 1949	2-3 meters	Kalaputi	15 soldiers, 2 sergeants
29.	Kizilissa	West of Kizilissa on mountain side	Concrete	1	Rifles and light machine guns	Astara Kalaputi	Upper and lower Ambaran	1947	3 meters	Kalaputi	4 soldiers, 2 sergeants
30.	Amin-Olla Ahzam	On Ahzam mountain	Concrete	1	Rifles and light machine guns	Kaluz 2nd class border post	Fateh Maksud and Ambaran	1948-1949	3 meters	Amstamang (Omstomnek)	6 soldiers, 2 sergeants